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Description: Contrasts the Daha-style roofing of Akim with the Sarre roofing of Akwapim and the coastal-plains. Normally services are held on the hill twice daily, including Sundays. Every Sunday at least a service is held in the town, often with street preaching. But it seems they are virtually ignored. Kibi has been visited every month. The two sons of the King of Kibi who had been at the Akropong school have in one case been sold into slavery by the (new) king, in the other case made over as a pawn to someone. Haas's explanation of this is that they had fallen so deeply into the lusts of the flesh that their own family had constrained to do this. His account of the situation in Gyadam follows that offered in his monthly letters. Additional points: that children given to missionaries to be brought up on the station by the elders are still there although the king does not like this practice. Also Chr. Asante, the catechist stationed in the town itself has 8 young men coming to night school (this seems not to have fallen under the ban of the king). They are taught there reading, and the Christian religion. He repeats the point that they have more girls than boys on the station, and offers the explanation that the boys are taken to work on the farms earlier than the girls, and love the wild freedom more.

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